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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As the Committee prepares to mark up the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges you to support full funding for all transportation programs to ensure much-needed investments to modernize America's infrastructure. The Chamber supports the completion of projects under the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Critical investments in these areas would help put Americans back to work and contribute to the safety and reliability of America's highways, rail, and waterways.

The Chamber supports \$61.3 billion for programs funded from the Highway Trust Fund. We encourage the Committee to maximize all available transportation resources by utilizing all revenue collected from transportation users into the transportation trust funds. These investments would support critical transportation improvements across the United States, providing for employment in the near-term as well as economic competitiveness in the future. We strongly support the Committee's work, particularly the focus on key freight projects, and believe that they can enhance exports and facilitate international trade.

A strong investment in repairing America's aging infrastructure can help jumpstart our economy and put people back to work. The Chamber appreciates your consideration of these recommendations as you mark up the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

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